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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LACKEY CHARGERS OF INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to offer my congratulations to the Lackey High School Chargers football team of Indian Head, Maryland, for reaching the State finals this past Thursday, December 4, 2003.

The Lackey Chargers had a fairytale season led by their head coach, Mr. Scott Chadwick, and many devoted assistant coaches. In regular season matches, they were defeated only once, and this record allowed them to begin competing in championship games in early November.

The path that would lead the Lackey Chargers to the State finals began on November 7, 2003, when the Lackey Chargers defeated Westlake High School to become the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference champions. Their momentum continued on November 15, 2003, as they beat Northern High School, and they showed their strength once again on November 22, 2003, when they narrowly overtook Westlake High School to become the Regional Champions.

On November 28, 2003, the Lackey Chargers defeated Randallstown High School in the Maryland Triple A Semifinals, propelling them to the State finals at Ravens Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland, where they faced Linganor High School. Despite a valiant effort, the Lackey Chargers fell short in the end in a heartbreaking loss. Even without carrying home the title, Principal Jarvis Petty and the students, staff and parents at Lackey High School have shown their support for a football team that has made the entire Charles County community proud of their incredible season.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing each of these outstanding athletes, #2 Cameron Neal; #3 Courteney Knight; #5 Devonte Williams; #6 Avery Lancaster; #7 Aaron Smith; #8 Michael Young; #10 Damian Shorter; #11 Jason Murray; #15 Jesse Hitch; #16 Mark Herbert; #20 Morgan Green; #23 Darren Bullock; #25 Brandon Gaylor; #32 Ricardo Young; #34 Tre Gray; #40 Bryan Gibbons; #43 Kevin Glascock; #44 Robert Matthews; #48 Kyle Mckeown; #50 Jeremy Hairston; #52 George Kerr; #55 Mike Seman; #56 Aaron Williams; #60 Kenny Washington; #65 J.B. Walton; #66 Tyler McCready; #70 Joe Hughes; #72 Nate Leigh; #77 O.J. Huddleston; #79 D'antae Adams; #80 Quinton Stith; #81 William Johnson; #86 Donte Page; and #88 Justin Lucas. They have shown true dedication to their sport and I am extremely proud of their accomplishments. It is with great pride that we congratulate and wish them luck in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. WELLBROCK

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American journalist, Michael J. Wellbrock.

Michael J. Wellbrock has been a faithful employee of WBAL Radio in Baltimore for the past 21 years and just a few days ago he turned 40 years old.

Michael J. Wellbrock has been instrumental in the long term success of WBAL Radio and served the past two decades as a producer, executive producer, and general allaround go-to guy and trouble shooter.

Michael J. Wellbrock was the technical wizard whose expertise has enabled the station to pull-off many high-quality, award-winning broadcasts, including the visit of Pope John Paul II, the All-Star game, the Orioles trip to Cuba, the Preakness Stakes, and several national political conventions.

Michael J. Wellbrock was the genius behind the re-design and re-building of studios at WBAL Radio and helping to bring the station into the 21st century.

Michael J. Wellbrock has been the guiding force in the career development of many young, aspiring broadcasters.

Michael J. Wellbrock has been the creative force behind many successful programs on WBAL Radio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Michael J. Wellbrock for his service and for his work on behalf of America's citizens and our nation.

COMMENDING THE ADAMS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARINE CORPS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS

**HON. BOB BEAUPREZ**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps program at Adams City High School in Commerce City, Colorado.

On Friday, December 12, they will present the colors for a field hearing I have requested at the Colorado State Capitol. It is worth noting the history of this group.

The only Marine Corps JROTC program in the State, the Adams City High School program started in 1969 and enjoyed several years of popularity before declining in the late 70's and early 80's.

After a concerted effort to improve expectations and standards, the program has received several awards of recognition as a program of excellence. In the 2001-02 academic year, they received the prestigious Marine Corps Reserved Officer's Association Award (MCROA) as the best JROTC program in the ten-state 8th Marine Corps District. Only six programs across the Nation receive this distinction annually.

Due to the superior performance of the program, Adams City High School was also des-

ignated as a Naval Honor School for the first time in its history. This is the highest award attainable for a Marine Corps JROTC program and exemplifies leadership, integrity and excellence. Naval Honor School status is reserved for the top 20 percent of the schools nationally and affords the Senior Marine Instructor the opportunity to nominate up to three cadets to the United States Naval Academy.

Last year (2002-03) the cadets continued their superior performance, repeating as a Naval Honor School and attaining distinction as the best inspected unit in the 8th Marine Corps District with a total score of 993 points out of a possible 1000, receiving "outstanding" marks in all twelve categories of the inspection. This accomplishment garnered the program the coveted "McLemore Detachment" Award for the Marine Corps League, McLemore Detachment in Houston, Texas.

JROTC is a regularly scheduled class for students, focusing on leadership, discipline, citizenship and physical fitness. Their weekly events include drill marching, uniform inspection, physical training and academic instruction.

J.D. Bristow, the senior Marine instructor at ACHS, has done a fine job with this group of young men and women. These young leaders are extremely active in the leadership of their class. They not only have the potential to make excellent officers in our military, but also have dedicated their time to many after-school opportunities, such as community and school service projects.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent this terrific organization in Congress. I appreciate their families for the support and encouragement necessary for its success. The ACHS JROTC program and its administrators have made a sizable impact on the community. They are to be commended.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF TOM UNDERHILL

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, Texans mourn the loss of a fine law enforcement officer. Just 3 weeks after being diagnosed with leukemia, at 43 years of age, Athens Assistant Police Chief Tom Underhill passed away at Baylor Hospital in Dallas from complications related to his disease.

Underhill served Athens Police Department for 21 years. He started as a patrolman in May 1982. He was promoted to sergeant in 1987 and to patrol lieutenant in 1993. Tom Underhill took over the position of assistant chief in March. Previous to his time at Athens Police Department, he worked as a deputy sheriff at Gregg County and Henderson County. His coworkers remember him as having a quiet spirit, a strong sense of professionalism and a good sense of humor. He loved golf, gun shows and helping others.

During his years of service, Tom Underhill was recognized numerous times for his achievements. He was named officer of the year several times and headed up the department's special response unit. He was a training officer, a firearms instructor and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He was